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COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT
INCIDENT REPORT

DATE 12/20/2020 PAGE 1 OF 5

ACTION: ☒ ACTIVE ☐ INACTIVE ☐ PENDING

NON-CRIMINAL ☐ | # OF ADULT ARRESTS 0 | # OF SUBJECT DETENTIONS 0

URN#: 0 (RETENTION) 20 (YEAR) 10888 (SEQUENTIAL) 0381 (REPORTING DISTRICT) 011 (STAT CODE)

TAG# 111

CLASSIFICATION 1 / LEVEL / STAT CODE
Murder, 187(a) P.C. / F / 011

CLASSIFICATION 2 / LEVEL / STAT CODE
Attempt Murder of a Police Officer, 664/187(a) P.C. / F / 011

CLASSIFICATION 3 / LEVEL / STAT CODE
Deputy Involved Shooting (Suspect Deceased) / NC / 013

CLASSIFICATION 4 / LEVEL / STAT CODE
Assault With a Deadly Weapon, 245(a)(2) P.C. / F / 051

ADDITIONAL STAT CODES: ☐ ASAP / 83 ☐ FIREARM RELATED / 830 ☐ GANG RELATED / 860 ☐ CYBER CRIME / 551 ☐ CYBER - RELATED CRIME / 552 ☐ CYBER - RELATED INCIDENT (NON - CRIMINAL) / 559 ☐ OTHER

DATE / TIME / DAY OF OCCURRENCE
12-19-2020 / Approximately 1843 Hours / Saturday

LOCATION OF OCCURRENCE
104th St / Burin Av, Lennox 90304

☐ PRINTS REQUESTED ☐ PRINTS COMPLETED | REQUESTED BY ---- | TIME ----
BUSINESS NAME -----

CODE: V - VICTIM • W - WITNESS • I - INFORMANT • R - REPORTING PARTY • P - PARTY

CODE	#	of	LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	MIDDLE NAME	SEX	RACE	DOB	AGE	DRIVER'S LICENSE / STATE ID
V	1	6	Deputy Gonzalez	Daniel	[redacted]	M	---	Adult	---	-----

RESIDENCE ADDRESS: Los Angeles County Deputy Sheriff | CITY: --- | STATE: --- | ZIP: ---- | RESIDENCE PHONE (Area Code): -----

BUSINESS / SCHOOL (GRADE) ADDRESS: 1310 W. Imperial Hwy | CITY: Los Angeles | STATE: Ca | ZIP: 90044 | BUSINESS PHONE (Area Code): (323) 820-6700

ETHNIC ORIGIN | EMAIL ADDRESS: ----- | SOCIAL NETWORKING ACCOUNT: ---- | CELL PHONE (Area Code): ----

VICTIM OF OFFENSE(S) (CLASSIFICATION) # 2 | VICTIM DESIROUS OF PROSECUTION? | VICTIM OF SEX CRIME DESIROUS OF CONFIDENTIALITY? | ENGLISH SPEAKING? ☒ YES ☐ NO | LANGUAGE

CODE	#	of	LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	MIDDLE NAME	SEX	RACE	DOB	AGE	DRIVER'S LICENSE / STATE ID
V	2	6	Deputy Honea	Kevin	[redacted]	M	---	Adult	---	-----

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CODE	#	of	LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	MIDDLE NAME	DOB	AGE	DRIVER'S LICENSE / STATE ID
S/V	1	2	Doe	John	--	----	35	----

SEX: M | RACE: H | ETHNIC ORIGIN | HAIR: Blk | EYES: Bro | HEIGHT: -- | WEIGHT: -- | CELL PHONE (Area Code): --

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BUSINESS / SCHOOL (GRADE) ADDRESS: --- | CITY: --- | STATE: --- | ZIP: --- | BUSINESS PHONE (Area Code): --

AKA: ---- | EMAIL ADDRESS: ---- | SOCIAL NETWORKING ACCOUNT: ---- | ENGLISH SPEAKING? ☒ YES ☐ NO | LANGUAGE

MONIKER: ---- | CHARGE: 661/187(a) P.C. | BOOKING NUMBER: -- | WHERE DETAINED OR CITE NUMBER: --

CODE	#	of	LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	MIDDLE NAME	DOB	AGE	DRIVER'S LICENSE / STATE ID
S/V	2	2	[redacted]	[redacted]	---	[redacted]	38	[redacted]

SEX: M | RACE: H | ETHNIC ORIGIN | HAIR: Bro | EYES: Bro | HEIGHT: 508 | WEIGHT: 155 | CELL PHONE (Area Code): ---

[redacted] | CITY: [redacted] | STATE: [redacted] | ZIP: [redacted] | RESIDENCE PHONE (Area Code): ---

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MONIKER: --- | CHARGE: [redacted] | BOOKING NUMBER: -- | WHERE DETAINED OR CITE NUMBER: ---

BY DEPUTY: Quinones, Christopher | EMPLOYEE #: [redacted] | SWORN EXP IN YRS: 13

DEPUTY: Sabatine, Justin | EMPLOYEE #: [redacted] | SWORN EXP IN YRS: 4 | VACATION DATES: None

STATION: South L.A. | UNIT / CAR #: 31 | SHIFT: E

APPROVED: SGT COBIAN | EMPLOYEE #: [redacted] | DATE / TIME: 12/21/20, 0005

PCD SUBMITTED? NO | VACATION DATES: None

ASSIGNMENT: LASD HOMICIDE BUREAU

HQ NOTIFICATION REQUESTED? YES | DEPUTY | DATE / TIME | SPECIAL REQUEST DISTRIBUTION

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SUSPECT / SUBJECT FIELD RELEASE APPROVED BY | DATE / TIME | CRIME BROADCAST BY | DATE / TIME | SECRETARY

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VEHICLE | LICENSE (STATE & NUMBER) | YEAR | MAKE | MODEL | BODY TYPE | COLOR

VEHICLE FOR VICTIM #

VEHICLE FOR SUSPECT # | REGISTERED OWNER | IDENTIFYING FEATURES

STATUS | CHP 180 SUBMITTED? | GARAGE NAME & PHONE

DESCRIPTION OF DAMAGE

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V	3	6	Deputy Chappell	Eric #[redacted]		M	--	Adult	--	----

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CODE	#	of	LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	MIDDLE NAME	SEX	RACE	DOB	AGE	DRIVER'S LICENSE / STATE ID
V	4	6	Deputy Ortiz	Jorge #[redacted]		M	--	Adult	--	----

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V	5	6	Deputy Corrigan	Blake #[redacted]		M	--	Adult	--	----

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MONIKER | CHARGE | BOOKING NUMBER | LANGUAGE | WHERE DETAINED OR CITE NUMBER

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COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

INCIDENT REPORT CONTINUATION

URN# 020-10888-0331-011

TAG# 111

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V	6	6	Deputy Ibarra	Manuel #[redacted]	--	M	--	Adult	--	----

RESIDENCE ADDRESS	CITY	STATE	ZIP	RESIDENCE PHONE (Area Code)
Los Angeles County Deputy Sheriff	----	--	--	----

BUSINESS / SCHOOL (GRADE) ADDRESS	CITY	STATE	ZIP	BUSINESS PHONE (Area Code)
1310 W. Imperial Hwy	Los Angeles	Ca	90044	(323) 820-6700

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MONIKER | CHARGE | BOOKING NUMBER | WHERE DETAINED OR CITE NUMBER

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AKA | EMAIL ADDRESS | (3) | SOCIAL NETWORKING ACCOUNT | ENGLISH SPEAKING? ☐ YES ☐ NO | LANGUAGE

MONIKER | CHARGE | BOOKING NUMBER | WHERE DETAINED OR CITE NUMBER



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COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT
INCIDENT REPORT

URN# 020-10888-0381-011
TAG # 111
DATE 12/19/2020

VEHICLE	LICENSE (STATE & NUMBER)		YEAR	MAKE	MODEL	BODY TYPE	COLOR
VEHICLE FOR VICTIM # / VEHICLE FOR SUSPECT #	REGISTERED OWNER		IDENTIFYING FEATURES				
STATUS		CHP 180 SUBMITTED?	GARAGE NAME & PHONE				
DESCRIPTION OF DAMAGE							

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VEHICLE FOR VICTIM # / VEHICLE FOR SUSPECT #	REGISTERED OWNER		IDENTIFYING FEATURES				
STATUS		CHP 180 SUBMITTED?	GARAGE NAME & PHONE				
DESCRIPTION OF DAMAGE							

SCREENING FACTORS

- ☐ 1. SUSPECT IN CUSTODY
- ☐ 2. SUSPECT NAMED / KNOWN
- ☐ 3. UNIQUE SUSPECT IDENTIFIERS
- ☐ 4. VEHICLE IN CUSTODY
- ☐ 5. UNIQUE VEHICLE IDENTIFIERS
- ☒ 6. WRITER/REVIEWER DISCRETION

PROPERTY CODE:

S – STOLEN • R – RECOVERED • L – LOST • F – FOUND • E – EMBEZZLED • D – DAMAGED • K – SAFEKEEPING
(Use all applicable Codes; for example, if property is both Stolen and Recovered, Code is S/R)

RELEASED TO

CODE	ITEM #	QUAN.	DESCRIPTION (Include kind of article, trade name, identifying numbers, physical description, material, color, condition, age and present market value)	SERIAL #	VALUE

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My partner, Deputy Sabatine, and I were notified of a Deputy involved shooting that occurred in the area of 104th St and Burin Av in Lennox.

We contacted the Deputies involved who provided us with a synopsis of the incident. The following is what was relayed to us:

At approximately 1843 hours, Deputies received a radio call of an assault with a deadly weapon, gun shot victim call in the area of 104th St and Firmona Av. While responding to the call, Deputies were given an updated location of 104th St and Burin Av. They were also advised that a male Hispanic was down on Burin Av with an article in his hand. Unit 31D, Deputy Honea and Deputy Gonzalez were the first unit on scene and were directed by a group of bystanders to the address of [redacted] 104th St. Believing a victim was at the location, Unit 31D positioned their vehicle east of the target location and made an approach to the driveway. Simultaneously, Unit 31, Deputy Ortiz and Deputy Chappell and Unit 31B, Deputy Corrigan and Deputy Ibarra arrived on scene and positioned their vehicle at the intersection of 104th St and Burin Av. Deputy Corrigan and Deputy Ibarra observed S/V [redacted] lying face up, on the east side of Burin Av, north of 104th St. The individual had suffered from apparent gunshot wounds and was holding a black semi-automatic firearm in his left hand. He was unresponsive and did not appear to be breathing.

As Deputies Honea and Gonzalez were walking up the driveway they saw a male Hispanic adult (S/V Doe) crouched down at the rear of the driveway, slightly behind a parked vehicle and large flower pot. Several commands were given to the S/V Doe, while radio traffic was relayed that they are detaining an assault with a deadly weapon suspect at gunpoint. Deputy Ortiz and Deputy Chappell approached the address at [redacted] Burin Av to assist Deputy Gonzalez and Deputy Honea. S/V Doe refused come out. Deputies observed S/V Doe produce a firearm and a Deputy involved shooting occurred.

Deputy Corrigan and Ibarra heard the gunshots and responded to the area. Additional commands were given to the suspect. A second Deputy involved shooting occurred. Deputies tactically retreated from the driveway to a better position of cover. Deputy Chappell moved Unit 31D's vehicle to the front of the driveway for cover. Deputy Ortiz positioned himself behind the engine block of the vehicle while maintaining an observation of the suspect. The suspect again produced a firearm at Deputy Ortiz at which time another Deputy involved shooting occurs.

Los Angeles County Fire Department was requested to the location for both suspect/victims. S/V Doe was pronounced deceased at the location at 1911 Hours by Los Angeles County Paramedic Bailey (Coroner case number 2020-11971) . S/V [redacted] was transported to Harbor General Hospital where he was pronounced deceased at 2004 hours by Dr. Smith (Coroner Case number [redacted].

Unit 34, Deputy Ojeda, # [redacted] and Deputy Lomedico, # [redacted], arrived on scene and took control of the crime scene. A containment was established to secure all evidence and a major incident log was initiated.

South Los Angeles Station Watch Commander and Captain were notified of the incident.

Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department Homicide Bureau were notified of the incident.

Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department Homicide Bureau Sergeant Carnella, # [redacted] and Detective Rodriguez, [redacted] arrived at the location and took control of the investigation.

For further on the above refer to supplemental reports under the same file number.



COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES - SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT - SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT

DATE: JANUARY 13, 2021 **FILE NO:** 020-10888-0381-011

C: DEPUTY INVOLVED SHOOTING
ATTEMPTED MURDER OF A PEACE OFFICER, 664/187(A) P.C.
MURDER, 187(A) P.C.

ACTION: ACTIVE / ADDITIONAL INFO / DIS INVESTIGATION / CRIME SCENES PROCESSED / WITNESS AND SHOOTER INTERVIEWS

V: DEPUTY ERIC CHAPPELL #[redacted]
(LOS ANGELES COUNTY DEPUTY SHERIFF)

V: DEPUTY BLAKE CORRIGAN #[redacted]
(LOS ANGELES COUNTY DEPUTY SHERIFF)

V: DEPUTY DANIEL GONZALEZ #[redacted]
(LOS ANGELES COUNTY DEPUTY SHERIFF)

V: DEPUTY KEVIN HONEA #[redacted]
(LOS ANGELES COUNTY DEPUTY SHERIFF)

V: DEPUTY JORGE ORTIZ #[redacted]
(LOS ANGELES COUNTY DEPUTY SHERIFF)

D: DECEMBER 19, 2020, SATURDAY
@ APPROXIMATELY 1849 HOURS

L: [redacted] WEST 104TH STREET
LENNOX, CALIFORNIA 90304

S1: [redacted] MH/[redacted]
(DECEASED)
CC #[redacted]

S2: ARREOLA, MOISES MH/ 01-03-1988
(DECEASED)
CC # 2020-11971

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WITNESSES:

DEPUTY MANUEL IBARRA #[redacted]

EVIDENCE:

JS-1 Handgun belonging to Deputy Kevin Honea. Smith & Wesson, M&P, Core 920, 9mm, semi-automatic, bearing serial number NES[redacted]. With a Surefire, X-300 Ultra, light affixed underneath the barrel, and a RMR red dot optic sight attached to the rear of the slide.

JS-2 Handgun belonging to Deputy Daniel Gonzalez. Glock 34, generation 5, 9mm, semi-automatic, bearing serial number BHXN[redacted]. With a Surefire, X-300 Ultra, light affixed underneath the barrel, and a red dot optic sight attached to the rear of the slide.

JS-3 Handgun belonging to Deputy Jorge Ortiz. Staccato, Star P, 9mm, semi-automatic, bearing serial number TX[redacted] With a Surefire, X-300 Ultra, light affixed underneath the barrel, and a RMR red dot optic sight attached to the rear of the slide.

JS-4 Handgun belonging to Deputy Eric Chappell. Pietro Beretta Gardonev, 92FS, 9mm, semi-automatic, bearing serial number E[redacted] With a Surefire, X-300 Ultra, light affixed underneath the barrel and an olive drab green grip.

JS-5 Handgun belonging to Deputy Blake Corrigan. Smith & Wesson, M&P, 9mm, semi-automatic, bearing serial number NEE[redacted] With a Surefire, X-300 Ultra, light affixed underneath the barrel

On Saturday, December 19, 2020, at approximately 1930 hours, Homicide Investigators Q. Rodriguez and Paul Cardella were dispatched from their respective residences to the command post located at 4331 Lennox Boulevard, Lennox. Investigators were tasked with conducting an investigation into a deputy involved shooting. which occurred at [redacted] West 104th Street, Lennox.

Investigators arrived at approximately 2050 hours and observed the scene was cordoned off with yellow crime scene tape and uniformed deputies maintained security of the scene. Homicide Investigators Gina Equia, Antonio Guillen, Eric Arias and Frank Heredia, also arrived to assist with this investigation.

Lieutenant Hugo Reynaga, #[redacted] assisted and supervised the Homicide Investigators.



Homicide Investigators Gina Eguia and Antonio Guillen were tasked with conducting a detailed crime scene investigation where the deputy involved shooting occurred [redacted] West 104th Street, Lennox). These Investigators will document their findings and actions in a separate supplemental report.

Homicide Investigators Eric Arias and Frank Heredia were tasked with processing the crime scene at the [redacted]. This location is where it is presumed [redacted] was shot and killed by Moises Arreola, per video surveillance footage obtained. During the course of their investigation, they located and collected video surveillance footage that captured a shooting that [redacted] and Arreola were involved in shortly before the deputy involved shooting. For further details, these Investigators will document their actions and findings in a separate supplemental report.

Also arriving at the crime scene were Los Angeles County Sheriff's Crime Laboratory, Forensic Identification Specialists, Desiree Rollins, Jordan Swartz and Firearms Examiner Tracy Peck. They were tasked with conducting overall crime scene photography, to include photographing the involved South Los Angeles Station deputies, as well as identifying, measuring and collecting evidence, as directed by Investigators. The above crime laboratory personnel will document their findings and actions in separate supplemental reports.

Deputy District Attorney Chris Baker of the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Justice System Integrity Division, also arrived at the scene and conducted a separate, parallel investigation into the circumstances surrounding this incident.

While at the scene, Investigators contacted South Los Angeles Station Deputies Christopher Quinonez, #[redacted] and Justin Sabatine, #[redacted], assigned to 31, P.M. shift. Deputies Quinones and Sabatine were designated as the handling unit and will author a report documenting the response, actions and observations by South Los Angeles Station personnel.

Deputy Quinones provided Investigators with a comprehensive briefing of the circumstances surrounding the deputy involved shooting. The following is a summary of his briefing:

South Los Angeles Station deputies received a call for service of a gunshot victim at 104th Street and Firmona Avenue, Lennox. While responding to the scene, the deputies were updated via their mobile radios a male Hispanic was down at the location and holding a handgun in his hand.

As they arrived at 104th Street and Firmona Avenue, they saw nothing appeared to be out of the ordinary. No gunshot victim or evidence of a shooting was located.





They proceeded to drive east on 104th Street, when residents began pointing to a house at [redacted] West 104th Street.

As this was occurring, Unit 31B, P.M. shift, Deputies Manuel Ibarra, #[redacted] and Blake Corrigan, #[redacted] located a male Hispanic (later identified as [redacted] who suffered a gunshot wound to the chest on Burin Avenue, just south of 104th Street. [redacted] was treated by the Los Angeles County Fire Department, Fire Engine 18, under the direction of Captain Murray. He was transported to Harbor General Hospital for further treatment. Doctor Jennifer Smith pronounced [redacted] dead at 2004 hours from a gunshot wound to his left chest.

The deputies approached the driveway of the residence which they had been alerted to and saw a male Hispanic (later identified as Moises Arreola 01-03-1988), holding an object in his hand, crawling on the ground, near a parked vehicle. Arreola suddenly pointed a handgun at the deputies and fired a gunshot at them. South Los Angeles Sheriff's Station deputies returned fire at Arreola. The actions and observations of the involved deputies will be documented in greater detail later in this report.

During the course of this investigation, Investigators Rodriguez and Cardella conducted interviews with the deputies involved in the shooting. The following is a summary of those interviews.

VICTIM DEPUTY DANIEL GONZALEZ:

On Saturday, December 19, 2020, at approximately 2336 hours, Investigators conducted an interview with Deputy Daniel Gonzalez. This interview took place at South Los Angeles Sheriff's Station's detective bureau's conference room. The interview was memorialized using an audio digital recorder and then transferred to disc media. Also in attendance was Deputy Gonzalez's attorney, William J. Hadden. The following is a summary of that interview:

Deputy Gonzalez's career started in June 2015. He was a [redacted] He transferred to South Los Angeles Sheriff's Station in October 2016, [redacted] and is currently assigned.

Deputy Gonzalez began his shift at [redacted] hours on Saturday, December 19, 2020. He was assigned to uniformed patrol as Unit 31D, P.M. shift, and responsible for patrolling the Vermont area. His partner for that day was Deputy Kevin Honea, #[redacted] Deputy Gonzalez was the passenger.



He and his partner received a call for service of a gunshot victim at 104th Street and Firmona Avenue, Lennox. They responded code 3, in a marked black and white patrol vehicle, from Century Boulevard and Van Ness Avenue, Los Angeles.

While enroute to the call, the South Los Angeles Sheriff's Station desk advised them, via L-TAC mobile radio, one male Hispanic was down at the location and holding a firearm. They proceeded to drive west on Century Boulevard, south on Hawthorne Boulevard, then west on 104th Street.

As they drove west on 104th Street, they saw a crowd of people standing on the north side, just west of Hawthorne Boulevard. The crowd saw the deputies and pointed toward the west. They arrived at 104th Street and Firmona Avenue and did not observe anything that would indicate a shooting occurred. No one was down at the location and there was no evidence of a crime.

They conducted a U-turn and proceeded east on 104th Street in the direction of the crowd. The crowd continued to point toward the west. More specifically, to a [redacted] residence.

They exited their patrol vehicle. Deputy Gonzalez walked toward the crowd and Deputy Honea walked toward the [redacted] house. As Deputy Gonzalez spoke to the crowd of people, he heard Deputy Honea yell a person armed with a firearm was at the [redacted] residence.

Deputy Gonzalez reconnected with Deputy Honea at the [redacted] house. He saw the address was [redacted] West 104th Street, Lennox. As he did, he observed a person (Later identified as Moises Arreola MH/ 01-03-1988) moving while holding a black firearm. He was unsure which hand Arreola was holding the firearm with, but believed it was in his right hand. Deputy Gonzalez described the area as being a long driveway. At the far south end of the driveway was a parked vehicle, facing south. He saw Arreola moving near the east side of the parked vehicle. Arreola had squatted down or knelt next to the vehicle.

NOTE: [redacted] *West 104th Street is a property that consisted of two residences. One in the front, and a second to the rear. The concrete driveway extended north and south alongside the west side of the properties and terminated adjacent to the rear house. Arreola was crouched down between the front of the rear residence and the parked vehicle.*

He immediately utilized the northwest corner of the front residence as cover, facing south. He began yelling verbal commands to Arreola, such as, "drop the gun" several times and "we want to help you." He also saw Arreola had a wound to his forehead and based on the nature of their call, he believed Arreola was injured and possibly shot.



Arreola ignored his verbal commands and responded by stating, "Let's go, let's fucking go, let's do this! Shoot me, I'm ready! Come on mother fuckers, I'm ready, let's do this!"

Deputy Gonzalez described Arreola as being a male Hispanic adult, short hair or close to being bald, wearing a gray and black hooded sweatshirt.

While Arreola was being detained at gunpoint, another South Los Angeles Sheriff's Station unit arrived. He felt a deputy approach him from behind. He suddenly heard a gunshot and believed Arreola had shot at him. Although he did not see muzzle flash, he recalled seeing a puff of smoke coming from Arreola's firearm.

Fearing for his safety and life, coupled with the safety and lives of his partners, and the community in the immediate area whom were in harm's way, Deputy Gonzalez returned fire at Arreola. He estimated firing five times from his duty weapon, striking Arreola, but was unsure where. This action was effective and suppressed Arreola's attack.

Approximately ten seconds later, Deputy Gonzalez observed Arreola moving again, still armed with the handgun. Arreola continued to squat or kneel down behind the parked vehicle, facing the deputies.

Due to Arreola shooting at him and his partners the first time, Deputy Gonzalez reassessed and believed Arreola was still a threat and would shoot at them again. Deputy Gonzalez employed a second volley of gunfire, approximately five to seven times. He believed his gunfire struck Arreola, but was unsure where. This action was effective a second time and momentarily stopped Arreola's attack.

Deputy Gonzalez reassessed again and concluded he needed to retreat from his present location. Deputy Ortiz was going to provide cover for him while he tactically retreated safely. An unknown deputy drove a marked black and white patrol vehicle to the mouth of the driveway and illuminated the entire driveway with a spot light. The patrol vehicle was to be used as cover for him and the retreating deputies. As they retreated, or in the act of retreating, Deputy Gonzalez heard a single gunshot, that he believed came from Deputy Ortiz.

The deputies collectively formulated a contact team and plan to approach Arreola and safely render medical aid to him. Furthermore, they knew there were residents in both the front and rear dwellings. The contact team was comprised of Deputies Chappell, Honea, Ibarra, Ortiz, Corrigan and himself.

They approached south down the driveway and he observed Arreola motionless. Arreola was unresponsive to verbal commands, he was not breathing, he bled from different parts of his body, and he looked pale. Deputy Gonzalez saw Arreola obtained a gunshot wound to his head. Deputy Gonzalez also observed two, black, semi-automatic handguns in a large potted plant, just in front of the area Arreola was squatting or kneeling, within arm's reach.

Once the area was secured, Deputy Gonzalez immediately knocked on the front door of the rear residence to check the welfare of the occupants. He spoke to a male Hispanic adult, approximately 35-40[redacted] The male was uninjured and alone inside. He was escorted to the front residence where his [redacted]

During this incident, Deputy Gonzalez heard gunfire from other deputies whom were present, but did not physically witness who shot. He additionally heard other deputies issuing verbal commands for Arreola to comply, but could not recall which deputy voiced the orders. Deputy Gonzalez holstered his weapon and reported his use of force to Sergeant Juan Galvez, #[redacted]

During the interview, Investigators noted Deputy Gonzalez was dressed in a long sleeve, tan and green, Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department Class "A" uniform. The uniform had a Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department patch on each shoulder. A gold, star shaped, badge, bearing "Los Angeles County Deputy Sheriff" was affixed to the left side of his chest. A gold name tag bearing "Gonzalez" was fastened to the right uniform pocket. A handheld radio microphone was secured to his lapel.

Around his waist was a nylon Sam Browne gun belt. As Deputy Gonzalez faced Investigators, in a counter clockwise fashion, Investigators observed his holstered duty weapon on his left hip, along the small of his back were two handcuff pouches containing handcuffs, adjacent to the right handcuff pouch was a mini flashlight in a sheath, a collapsible baton in its holder followed suit, next was a portable radio in its holder, a key pouch containing miscellaneous keys was in front of his radio, and a triple magazine pouch containing two magazines and one empty slot concluded his equipment. He also wore a black baseball cap bearing "SLA 3" on the front.

Investigators inventoried Deputy Gonzalez's personal duty weapon (JS-2) which is a Glock 34, generation 5, 9x19, 9mm semi-automatic handgun. The weapon had a Surefire X-300 Ultra flashlight mounted underneath the barrel. It bore serial number BHXN[redacted] and had a red dot optic sight affixed to the rear slide.

One unfired 9 mm cartridge was ejected from the chamber and eighteen unfired 9 mm cartridges were contained in the magazine seated in the magazine well. Deputy Gonzalez had an additional magazine in his pants pocket that contained seven unfired 9 mm cartridges.

This magazine was replaced with a full magazine from his Sam Browne gun belt when he tactically reloaded after the incident. Investigators concluded Deputy Gonzalez fired a total of thirteen times during this incident.

The interview was concluded.

VICTIM DEPUTY KEVIN HONEA:

On Sunday, December 20, 2020, at approximately 0020 hours, Investigators conducted an interview with Deputy Kevin Honea. This interview took place at South Los Angeles Sheriff's Station's detective bureau's conference room. The interview was memorialized using an audio digital recorder and then transferred to disc media. Also in attendance was Deputy Honea's attorney, William J. Hadden. The following is a summary of that interview:

Deputy Gonzalez's career started on February 14, 2015. [redacted] He transferred to South Los Angeles Sheriff's Station in October 2016, where he [redacted] and is currently assigned.

Deputy Honea began his shift at [redacted] hours on Saturday, December 19, 2020. He was assigned to uniformed patrol as Unit 31D, P.M. shift, and responsible for patrolling the Vermont area. His partner for that day was Deputy Daniel Gonzalez, #[redacted] Deputy Honea was the driver.

He and his partner heard via mobile radio a call for service of a gunshot victim at 104th Street and Firmona Avenue, Lennox. The call stated two people were shot and down at the location. While enroute to the call, the South Los Angeles Sheriff's Station desk advised them, via L-TAC mobile radio, one male Hispanic was holding a firearm.

They proceeded to drive west on Century Boulevard, south on Hawthorne Boulevard, then west on 104th Street. When they initially turned west onto 104th Street, they saw a crowd of people standing on the north side, approximately fifty to one hundred feet west of Hawthorne Boulevard. The crowd saw the deputies and pointed toward the west. Deputy Honea stated it was common for bystanders to point out where the shooting occurred.



They arrived at 104th Street and Firmona Avenue and did not observe anything that would indicate a shooting occurred. On one of the corners, Deputy Honea saw a carniceria stand being operated by an employee. This employee appeared nonchalant and was not ruffled by anything usual. Because of this, Deputy Honea believed 104th and Firmona Avenue was not the correct location of the shooting.

They conducted a U-turn and proceeded east on 104th Street, making contact with the crowd. The crowd continued to frantically point toward the west, behind their patrol vehicle, at a residence. Deputy Honea conducted a second U-turn and parked in front of the gathering. He contacted them; however, they were all Spanish speaking and he was not.

He walked over to the residence they were pointing at. As he walked, he looked on the ground for blood or any other sign a shooting had occurred. As he reached [redacted] West 104th Street, he illuminated the property with his flashlight.

He began to check the front residence, stating there were two dwellings on the property. A front and a rear. As he walked halfway down the driveway, he saw movement in front of a parked vehicle, on the driver side. He illuminated the area and observed a person either hiding or crawling on the ground in front of the parked vehicle.

He began yelling, "Drop the gun! Let me see yours hands!" several times. The person immediately respond, "Fuck you! I don't give a fuck! Let's do this right now! I'm ready to die! I don't give a fuck, let's do this!" This person repeated himself several times with the above expression. This person was later identified as Moises Arreola MH/ 01-03-1988.

Deputy Honea again ordered Arreola to comply by dropping the firearm and revealing his hands. In his head, he thought Arreola displayed a "suicide by cop" behavior. He added Arreola's conduct was consistent with someone who wanted to die at the hands of law enforcement.

Arreola again began yelling, "Just fucking kill me! Let's do this, let's do this right now!" As Arreola shouted these statements, he stood up and pointed a pistol at Deputy Honea. Deputy Honea orated Arreola intentionally pointed the pistol at him and said, "Fuck you, let's do this!"

Deputy Honea immediately side stepped to his right to retreat out of harm's way, using the same parked vehicle Arreola was hiding behind as cover. This was done to get out of the line of fire of Arreola.



Deputy Honea verbalized to his partner, Deputy Gonzalez, Arreola was armed with a handgun. Deputy Honea attempted to grasp a position of advantage to see where Arreola was hiding, but he could not see him. Deputy Honea then broadcast on his portable radio, via the Dispatch channel, they were detaining an armed suspect at gunpoint.

Almost immediately after his radio transmission, Deputy Honea heard a single gunshot, which came from Arreola's direction, he believed Deputy Gonzalez was being shot at. Fearing for his safety and life, coupled with the safety and life of Deputy Gonzalez, Deputy Honea returned fire at Arreola. Deputy Honea shot through the parked vehicle toward Arreola's position. He approximated firing eight to ten times. He then performed a speed reload by dropping his weapon's magazine and then quickly reloading a fresh magazine.

Although Deputy Honea could not see Deputy Gonzalez, he heard him over his left shoulder speaking to him. Deputy Honea did not take his eyes off of Arreola. Rather, he and Deputy Gonzalez verbalized their thoughts. Another deputy told him to retreat from his location because he was in a "bad spot."

Deputy Honea stated he felt vulnerable there. He added the vehicle he used for cover did not provide adequate protection and he was "out in the open." He realized he needed to move to a better position of advantage, behind the front residence, with the other deputies.

As he side stepped laterally toward the residence, Arreola stood up and raised his arm toward Deputy Honea. At this point Deputy Honea was completely exposed in the driveway without cover or protection. Fearing Arreola would fire upon him again, coupled with the fact his fellow deputies were at risk of being shot, Deputy Honea employed a second volley of approximately five to six rounds toward Arreola.
As he did so, he was able to retreat behind the front residence. This action proved successful and momentarily quashed Arreola's assault. Deputy Honea estimated the distance between he and Arreola during the shooting was approximately thirty feet.

Realizing they were in a gun battle for their lives, Deputy Honea ran to his patrol vehicle to retrieve an AR-15 rifle. This was done to give them a better advantage based on the distance between Arreola and them. Their handguns were ideal for short range and the patrol rifle would allow them a greater distance with superior accuracy.

Once he regrouped with his fellow deputies, they soon recognized their position was still too close to Arreola. They formulated a plan to tactically retreat to the street. He stated Deputy Chappell drove a marked black and white patrol vehicle and parked it at the mouth of the residence's driveway.



They tactically retreated to the patrol vehicle to utilize the engine block as cover. The patrol vehicle's spot light was turned on and shone down the driveway to illuminate Arreola's position.

As Deputy Honea was positioned behind the patrol vehicle, near the passenger door on the north side, he could see Deputy Ortiz in front of him by the A-pillar. He heard Deputy Ortiz yell, "Drop the gun" and saw him discharge one shot from his duty weapon toward Arreola. Deputy Ortiz then advised them Arreola was down.

Deputy Honea peeked through the front passenger window toward Arreola's location, but could not see him. He and the deputies began to formulate a plan to contact Arreola and provide any necessary medical treatment.

Whilst this was occurring, someone opened the front door to the rear residence. Deputy Honea said they now had a duty to check on the welfare of the resident to ensure he or she was not injured.

Deputies Chappell, Ibarra, Gonzalez, Ortiz and he moved south down the driveway and approached Arreola. As they neared, he saw the area Arreola's body lay was quite narrow. Deputy Chappell, armed with the shield, approached Arreola on the east side of the parked vehicle. He and the others approached on the west side. It was apparent to Deputy Honea Arreola was deceased. There was brain matter observed from his skull and a large amount of blood pooled beneath his body. Deputy Honea also saw a large concrete pot next to Arreola's body. Resting atop the soil were two handguns in plain view. On the ground, next to Arreola, was a spring to a handgun magazine. He estimated the flower pot was approximately three feet from Arreola and believed Arreola used that pot to hide behind.

During this life threatening encounter, Deputy Honea saw Arreola point his firearm at he and the other deputies three times. When Arreola fired his weapon, Deputy Honea said he believed it was directed at Deputy Gonzalez because Deputy Gonzalez was behind him and to his left.

He said deputies knocked on the front doors of both the front and rear residences, confirming all parties inside were safe and uninjured.

During the interview, Investigators noted Deputy Honea was dressed in a long sleeve, tan and green, Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department Class "A" uniform. The uniform had a Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department patch on each shoulder. A gold, star shaped, badge, bearing "Los Angeles County Deputy Sheriff" was affixed to the left side of his chest. A gold name tag bearing "Honea" was fastened to the right uniform pocket. Below his name tag was a red and black SLA 3 pin. A handheld radio microphone was secured to his front lapel with a wired ear piece in his left ear.



Around his waist was a nylon Sam Browne gun belt. As Deputy Honea faced Investigators, in a clockwise fashion, Investigators observed a double handcuff pouch containing two handcuffs adjacent to his belt buckle, his holstered duty weapon was on his right hip, behind his weapon was a tourniquet, adjacent to the tourniquet was a mini flashlight in a sheath, next was a portable radio in its holder, a baton ring followed suit, a key keeper was in front of his baton ring, and a triple magazine pouch containing two magazines and one empty slot concluded his equipment. His patrol field notebook was in his right rear pants pocket. In his front left pocket was a Smith & Wesson, 2", 38 caliber revolver.

Investigators inventoried Deputy Honea's personal duty weapon (JS-1) which is a Smith & Wesson, M&P, Core 920, 9mm semi-automatic handgun. The weapon had a Surefire X-300 Ultra flashlight mounted underneath the barrel. It bore serial number NE[redacted] and had a RMR red dot optic sight affixed to the rear slide.

One unfired 9 mm cartridge was ejected from the chamber and thirteen unfired 9 mm cartridges were contained in the magazine seated in the magazine well. Investigators concluded Deputy Honea fired a total of fifteen times during this incident.

The interview was concluded.

VICTIM DEPUTY JORGE ORTIZ:

On Sunday, December 20, 2020, at approximately 0125 hours, Investigators conducted an interview with Deputy Jorge Ortiz. This interview took place at South Los Angeles Sheriff's Station's detective bureau's conference room. The interview was memorialized using an audio digital recorder and then transferred to disc media. Also in attendance were Deputy Ortiz's attorneys, Susan R. Jerich and Christopher A. Kucharski. The following is a summary of that interview:

Deputy Ortiz's career started in January 2012. He was a [redacted] In February 2016 he transferred to South Los Angeles Sheriff's Station, where he [redacted] and is currently assigned.

Deputy Ortiz began his shift at [redacted] hours on Saturday, December 19, 2020. He was assigned to uniformed patrol as Unit 31, P.M. shift, and responsible for patrolling the Vermont area. His partner for that day was Deputy Eric Chappell, #[redacted] Deputy Ortiz was the passenger.

He and his partner received a call for service of two gunshot victims down at 104th Street and Firmona Avenue, Lennox. They were designated as the handling unit. As they responded, the South Los Angeles Sheriff's Station desk advised them, via mobile radio, one of the victims possessed a firearm. The desk described this person as being a male Hispanic, wearing a black sweater and gray pants.

He coordinated the call for service with two assisting units. As they arrived in the area, they were advised the gunshot victim was at 104th Street and Burin Avenue, Lennox. As they drove west on 104th Street from Hawthorne Boulevard, a crowd had gathered.

Unit 31D, Deputies Daniel Gonzalez and Kevin Honea, advised him via mobile radio they located a gunshot victim on Burin Avenue, north of 104th Street. Moments later, the desk advised patrol units a second gunshot victim was at [redacted] Lennox.

While at [redacted], he and his partner heard via portable radio, Unit 31B, Deputies Blake Corrigan and Manuel Ibarra, were detaining a suspect (Later identified as Moises Arreola MH/ 01-03-1988) at 104th Street and Burin Avenue. They proceeded to that location and when they arrived, he saw Deputies Honea and Gonzalez standing in the driveway of [redacted] West 104th Street.

As he approached the driveway, Deputy Chappell joined Deputy Gonzalez. He took a position at the apron of the driveway on the west side. He then continued radio communications, updating Sheriff's Communication Center and South Los Angeles Sheriff's Station personnel of their status. Upon his arrival, he heard deputies giving verbal commands to Arreola, but he was unsure whom they were.

Deputy Ortiz saw Arreola behind a parked vehicle at the south end of the residence's driveway. He was able to see the silhouette of the individual, but could not visualize a face or clothing description. He added the surrounding area was extremely dark and poorly lit.

He suddenly heard a single gunshot, immediately followed by multiple gunshots. He believed the single gunshot came from Arreola based on the sound of the gunfire. He stated the single gunshot sounded distant and the multiple shots were closer to him. Plus, he saw Deputies Gonzalez, Honea and Chappell firing their weapons toward Arreola.

At one point, Deputy Ibarra joined him and took a position to his right. Unsure who Arreola was firing at, he and Deputy Ibarra knelt down to avoid being struck by the bullet. Deputy Ortiz continued to provide radio communications.

After the initial volley, he said there was a lull. During this stillness, he heard Deputy Chappell state Arreola had a firearm and shot at him. A second volley of gunfire erupted, but he did not see which deputies fired or why. Another pause occurred and he saw Deputies Gonzalez, Honea and Chappell retreat from their locations to the sidewalk. This allowed them a better position of advantage and cover.

He saw Deputy Chappell drive a marked black and white patrol vehicle and park it in front of the driveway of their location, facing west. They utilized the patrol vehicle as cover and illuminated Arreola's positon with both spotlights. He was then able to see Arreola as he (Ortiz) stood behind the engine compartment, on the north side. Arreola was hiding behind the parked vehicle at the end of the driveway on the east side. He described Arreola as being a male Hispanic with a bald head.

He saw Arreola rise to his knees, lift his left arm with an empty hand. Deputy Ortiz yelled verbal commands to Arreola to lay on the ground. Arreola refused. Arreola then reached to his right, with his right hand and grabbed something. Arreola then extended his right arm toward them and Deputy Ortiz saw Arreola was holding a firearm.

Fearing for his safety and the safety of his fellow deputies, and believing their lives were in danger, Deputy Ortiz employed a single shot at Arreola. The gunfire appeared to be effective and Arreola immediately collapsed, ceasing his attack. Deputy Ortiz believed his shot either struck Arreola in the upper torso or head.

In his back drop, behind Arreola, Deputy Ortiz saw a resident in the rear home open the front door. He instructed this resident to close the door and stay inside.

He and the other deputies formulated a contact team. This was twofold. One, to check on Arreola's condition and two, to check on the welfare of the resident. As they neared Arreola, Deputy Ortiz saw he appeared deceased. This was evident by multiple gunshot wounds present and obvious brain matter discharged from his head. He estimated approximately two minutes lapsed from the time they formulated their plan to when they contacted Arreola.

He also observed two firearms in a planter adjacent to Arreola's body and a spring to a handgun magazine, all within arm's reach. He knocked on the door of the rear residence and contacted the home owner. This person was alone and uninjured. Next, they knocked on the front door of the front residence and contacted three adults and one child. They too were all unharmed. Eventually, the rear resident was moved to the front residence with his [redacted] Deputy Ortiz did not know Arreola, nor has he seen him before. He has not been to [redacted] West 104th Street for prior calls for service.

During the interview, Investigators noted Deputy Ortiz was dressed in a long sleeve, tan and green, Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department Class "A" uniform. The uniform had a Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department patch on each shoulder.
A gold, star shaped, badge, bearing "Los Angeles County Deputy Sheriff" was affixed to the left side of his chest. A red and black SLA 3 pin was affixed to his right uniform pocket. A handheld radio microphone was secured to his front lapel.

Around his waist was a nylon Sam Browne gun belt. As Deputy Ortiz faced Investigators, in a clockwise fashion, Investigators observed a double magazine pouch containing two magazines were adjacent to his belt buckle, behind the magazine pouch was a quick connect fastener, a baton ring followed suit, followed by a tourniquet, next was a portable radio in its holder, then a collapsible baton in its holder, across his lower back were two handcuff cases containing handcuffs, a oleoresin capsicum canister in its holder followed, and his holstered duty weapon was on his right hip. His left cargo pants pocket contained a handheld flashlight and his front left pants pocket was a Smith & Wesson, 2", 38 caliber revolver.

Investigators inventoried Deputy Ortiz's personal duty weapon (JS-3) which is a Staccato, Star P, 9mm semi-automatic handgun. The weapon had a Surefire X-300 Ultra flashlight mounted underneath the barrel. It bore serial number TX[redacted] and had a RMR red dot optic sight affixed to the rear slide.

One unfired 9 mm cartridge was ejected from the chamber and nineteen unfired 9 mm cartridges were contained in the magazine seated in the magazine well. Investigators concluded Deputy Ortiz fired a total of one time during this incident.

The interview was concluded.

VICTIM DEPUTY ERIC CHAPPELL:

On Sunday, December 20, 2020, at approximately 0225 hours, Investigators conducted an interview with Deputy Eric Chappell. This interview took place at South Los Angeles Sheriff's Station's detective bureau's conference room. The interview was memorialized using an audio digital recorder and then transferred to disc media. Also in attendance were Deputy Chappell's attorney, Susan R. Jerich and Christopher A. Kucharski. The following is a summary of that interview:

Deputy Chappell's career began on June 10, 2010. He was a [redacted] In June 2013, he became a sworn peace officer and a recruit in Class 392 [redacted]. Upon graduating, his first assignment was [redacted] In February 2016 he transferred to South Los Angeles Sheriff's Station, where he [redacted] and is currently assigned.

Deputy Chappell began his shift at [redacted] hours on Saturday, December 19, 2020. He was assigned to uniformed patrol as Unit 31, P.M. shift, and responsible for patrolling the Vermont area. His partner for that day was Deputy Jorge Ortiz, #[redacted] Deputy Chappell was the driver.

He heard an emergency radio call for service broadcast stating two people had been shot and were down at 104th Street and Firmona Avenue. As he and Deputy Ortiz responded, the South Los Angeles Sheriff's Station desk advised, via mobile radio on L-TAC, one of the individuals down was armed with a gun. They described the suspect as being a male Hispanic, wearing a black hooded sweatshirt.

He and Deputy Ortiz checked the area of 104th Street and Firmona Avenue, while Deputies Gonzalez and Honea checked 104th Street and Burin Avenue. As they did so, he heard via portable radio Deputies Gonzalez and Honea were detaining an armed suspect.

Deputy Chappell knew their location because he had just driven past them when arriving on scene. He and Deputy Ortiz responded to their location and he saw Deputies Gonzalez and Honea's marked black and white patrol vehicle parked in front of a residence.

As he and Deputy Ortiz approached, he saw Deputies Gonzalez and Honea halfway down the residence's driveway detaining someone at gunpoint. Both were pointing their firearms south, down the driveway, and Deputy Honea was yelling verbal commands. He did not recall what specifically Deputy Honea said, but stated they were commands typically heard at a felony traffic stop. Next, he heard Deputy Honea state, "He's behind the car, he pointed a gun!"

Initially, he could not see who Deputy Honea was referring to. He saw a single vehicle parked in the driveway and assumed that was the car in question. Eventually, he was able to see this person. He described him as being a male Hispanic adult (Later identified as Moises Arreola MH/ 01-03-1988), wearing a black or dark colored hooded sweatshirt.

Arreola was hiding behind the parked vehicle, crouched down. At one point, Arreola "popped up" and came into view. He said there were various items next to the parked vehicle, one being a large potted plant. He heard Arreola yelling and stated he sounded "worked up." He believed based on Arreola's demeanor, he was possibly under the influence of a controlled substance. Arreola appeared very hostile and agitated. He could not remember the specific words Arreola yelled, but recalled they were out of the normal for a person being detained by law enforcement. These observations took place as Deputy Chappell had a position of advantage behind the front residence wall, east of the driveway.



Arreola then "punched out" his arm forward toward the deputies. Deputy Chappell saw he was holding a handgun. He heard a gunshot and saw a puff of smoke discharge from Arreola's firearm. He did not recall which hand Arreola held the pistol with.

Fearing for his safety and the safety of his fellow deputies, and believing their lives were in immediate danger, Deputy Chappell employed his duty weapon at Arreola. He estimated firing seven to eight times and believed his volley struck Arreola, but he was not positive. This action was done because he believed Arreola was aiming his handgun at Deputy Gonzalez and him. Deputy Chappell stated the driveway was a narrow pathway and at one point, he thought he and Deputy Gonzalez may have been struck by Arreola's gunfire. He estimated being approximately twenty five to thirty feet away from Arreola when Arreola fired upon them. Deputy Chappell stated his defensive action was effective and caused Arreola to stop firing at them.

As Deputy Chappell reassessed, he saw Deputies Gonzalez and Honea standing to his right (west). He began communicating with them because he saw the only thing between them and Arreola, was the parked vehicle. He believed they were vulnerable and needed to tactically retreat to a safer location.

As Deputy Honea began to retreat toward him, he saw Arreola pop up a second time and raise his arm toward him and the deputies. Deputy Chappell believed Arreola was engaging them as he had done prior and employed a second volley of gunfire toward Arreola. He estimated shooting approximately ten times. This defensive action proved successful and he lost sight of Arreola. He stated Arreola disappeared from his view and believed Arreola either hid behind the parked vehicle, or fled toward the side of the rear residence. Deputy Chappell also conducted a tactical reload of his weapon during this encounter, placing his empty magazine in his pants pocket.

Once this encounter paused, Deputies Gonzalez and Honea safely retreated to the street, while he provided cover for them. He then heard a deputy state he was providing cover for him, so Deputy Chappell tactically retreated from his position and regrouped with the others.

NOTE: *For the purposes of the above paragraph, cover refers to Deputy Chappell pointing his firearm, down range, toward Arreola. For purposes of the paragraph below, cover refers to Deputy Chappell placing the patrol vehicle into position so the deputies could take refuge behind it.*

Deputy Chappell entered a nearby marked black and white patrol vehicle and drove it to the driveway of [redacted] West 104th Street. He parked the patrol vehicle facing west, blocking the front of the driveway. He illuminated the patrol vehicle's spot lights and positioned them south, down the driveway, toward Arreola's location.



He exited and took a position of advantage on the passenger side (north), using the engine block as cover.

Deputy personnel began discussing and formulating a plan. They knew there were residents in both the front and rear dwellings. As this occurred, Arreola came into view a third time. Arreola raised his left arm toward the deputies and he heard a single gunshot. He believed this gunshot was employed by Deputy Ortiz based on the fact Deputy Ortiz was adjacent to him. This employment was effective and he saw Arreola fall to the ground.

Sergeant Juan Galvez arrived on scene and gave a ballistic shield to Chappell. He, along with Deputies Honea, Corrigan, Gonzalez and Ortiz formulated a contact team and approached Arreola. As they contacted Arreola, he saw Arreola was motionless. Arreola appeared to have multiple gunshot wounds to his body. Within arm's reach of Areola, in the potted plant, he observed two handguns. Adjacent to Arreola's body was a spring to a magazine.

Los Angeles County Fire Department personnel approached the scene almost immediately after it was safe to do so. Fire personnel conducted a brief examination of Arreola and pronounced him deceased, stating exposed brain matter was present.

During the first volley of gunfire, he saw Deputies Gonzalez and Honea employ their duty weapons. During the second fusillade he was unsure of who fired.

Deputy Chappell stated Arreola looked familiar, but he could not recall where he has seen him and he had never been to [redacted] West 104th Street before on a call for service.

During the interview, Investigators noted Deputy Chappell was dressed in a long sleeve, tan and green, Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department Class "A" uniform. The uniform had a Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department patch on each shoulder. A gold, star shaped, badge, bearing "Los Angeles County Deputy Sheriff" was affixed to the left side of his chest. A gold name tag bearing "Chappell" was affixed to his right uniform pocket. Below the name tag was a red and black SLA 3 pin. A handheld radio microphone was secured to his front lapel.

Around his waist was a nylon Sam Browne gun belt. As Deputy Chappell faced Investigators, in a clockwise fashion, Investigators observed a triple magazine pouch containing two magazines were adjacent to his belt buckle, behind the magazine pouch was a plastic square shaped baton holder, a key ring followed suit, next was a portable radio in its holder, then a baton ring, a handheld flashlight in its holder followed, a tourniquet was adjacent to the flashlight, along the small of his back were two handcuff cases containing handcuffs.



His holstered duty weapon was on his right hip, an oleoresin capsicum canister in its holder trailed, a key keeper containing miscellaneous keys concluded his utility belt. His left cargo pants pocket contained an empty magazine and his front left pants pocket had a Smith & Wesson, 2", 38 caliber revolver stowed in it.

Investigators inventoried Deputy Chappell's department issued duty weapon (JS-4) which is a Pietro Beretta Gardonev, 92FS, 9mm semi-automatic handgun. The weapon had a Surefire X-300 Ultra flashlight mounted underneath the barrel. It bore serial number [redacted] and an olive drab green grip.

One unfired 9 mm cartridge was ejected from the chamber and seventeen unfired 9 mm cartridges were contained in the magazine seated in the magazine well. The second magazine was empty and had a seventeen round capacity. Investigators concluded Deputy Chappell fired a total of seventeen times during this incident.

The interview was concluded.

VICTIM DEPUTY BLAKE CORRIGAN:

On Sunday, December 20, 2020, at approximately 0315 hours, Investigators conducted an interview with Deputy Blake Corrigan. This interview took place at South Los Angeles Sheriff's Station's detective bureau's conference room. The interview was memorialized using an audio digital recorder and then transferred to disc media. Also in attendance were Deputy Corrigan's attorneys, Susan R. Jerich and Christopher A. Kucharski. The following is a summary of that interview:

Deputy Corrigan's career started on October 15, 2015. He was a [redacted] Upon graduating, his first assignment was at [redacted] In February 2018 he transferred to South Los Angeles Sheriff's Station, [redacted] and is currently assigned.

Deputy Corrigan was scheduled to work a double shift. His first shift began at [redacted] hours on Saturday, December 19, 2020, and his second shift was from [redacted] hours. He was assigned to uniformed patrol as Unit 31B, and responsible for patrolling the Vermont area. His partner for that day was Deputy Manuel Ibarra, #[redacted] Deputy Corrigan was the passenger.

He and his partner were advised, via mobile radio, two male Hispanic gunshot victims were down at 104th Street and Firmona Avenue, Lennox. The call for service was updated to the location of 104th Street and Burin Avenue. While enroute to the call, the South Los Angeles Sheriff's Station desk advised one male Hispanic at that location was armed with a handgun.



As he and Deputy Ibarra drove west on 104th Street from Hawthorne Boulevard, they saw Deputies Gonzalez and Honea had stopped their marked black and white patrol vehicle at [redacted] West 104th Street, Lennox. He and Deputy Ibarra parked their marked black and white patrol vehicle in the intersection of 104th Street and Burin Avenue. He looked north on Burin Avenue and saw a male Hispanic adult (Later identified as [redacted] MH/[redacted]) lying against the east curb line of Burin Avenue, approximately fifteen yards from him.

He ran to [redacted] to render medical aid. As he drew closer to [redacted] he saw a pistol in [redacted] left hand. He saw [redacted] was motionless, not breathing and had a blank stare in his eyes. He detained [redacted] at gunpoint unsure if [redacted] was alive or deceased.

Simultaneously as he detained [redacted] he heard, via his portable radio, deputies were detaining a second armed suspect at [redacted] West 104th Street. Deputy Corrigan continued to cover [redacted] as Deputy Ibarra broke away to assist the other deputies.

Approximately five seconds later, Deputy Corrigan heard a single gunshot followed by a volley of gunfire come from southeast of his location. This was directly where the deputies stated they were detaining the second armed suspect (Later identified as Moises Arreola MH/ 01-03-1988).

He heard screaming coming from that area and heard, via portable radio, the deputies had been in a shooting and were in an active gunfight. He ran to their location to provide additional assistance. The Los Angeles County Fire Department had already arrived and transported [redacted] to Harbor General Medical Hospital for further treatment.

He stood next to Deputy Gonzalez and they both faced south, looking south down the driveway. Deputy Corrigan saw two legs and a torso of a person (Later identified as Moises Arreola MH/ 01-03-1988) moving behind a parked vehicle. Arreola appeared to be reaching for something and yelling at the deputies. Although he could not decipher what Arreola was saying, he stated Arreola's words were confrontational in nature.

He saw Deputy Honea was to his west without cover or concealment. He instructed Deputy Honea to retreat to a safe location. As he spoke to Deputy Honea, he saw Arreola rise up and point a pistol at him and Deputy Gonzalez. Believing Arreola was going to kill him, coupled with fearing for the safety of his fellow deputies, Deputy Corrigan employed his weapon, firing approximately five times at Arreola. This defensive action was unsuccessful and did not hinder Arreola or his movements. He stated Arreola continued to reach for something and move about while concealed behind the parked vehicle.

Several deputies were ordering Arreola to drop the pistol and show them his hands. These verbal commands continued for several seconds. Arreola did not heed the commands. Rather, he continued to move or crawl on the ground behind the vehicle.

He stated they quickly developed a plan to retreat behind a marked black and white patrol vehicle. He was unsure who moved the patrol vehicle, but saw it parked, facing west, in front of the driveway. As they retreated toward the patrol vehicle, he heard one gunshot.

As he took cover behind the patrol vehicle, he saw Deputy Ortiz also positioned behind the patrol vehicle providing cover for them. Deputy Ortiz verbalized to them Arreola was down and no longer a threat.

He then delegated a deputy to return to where [redacted] had lain to secure the unattended firearm, which they did. Next, they formulated a tactical plan to approach Arreola. Deputies Ortiz, Chappell and Gonzalez walked toward Arreola as Corrigan broadcast radio communications to assisting personnel, updating their status and location.

Once the scene was secured, this concluded his involvement. He was unable to determine if he had prior contacts with Arreola because he never physically saw his face.

Investigators noted Deputy Corrigan was dressed in a long sleeve, tan and green, Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department Class "A" uniform. The uniform had a Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department patch on each shoulder. A gold, star shaped, badge, bearing "Los Angeles County Deputy Sheriff" was affixed to the left side of his chest. A gold name tag bearing "Corrigan" was affixed to his right uniform pocket. Below the name tag was a red and black SLA 3 pin. A handheld radio microphone was secured to his front lapel and he wore a black SLA 3 baseball cap.

Around his waist was a nylon Sam Browne gun belt. As Deputy Corrigan faced Investigators, in a clockwise fashion, Investigators observed a triple magazine pouch containing three magazines were adjacent to his belt buckle, behind the magazine pouch was a portable radio in its holder, along the small of his back were two handcuff cases containing handcuffs, a key keeper containing miscellaneous keys followed, his holstered duty weapon was on his right hip, and in front of his holster was an oleoresin capsicum canister in its holder concluded his utility belt. His left cargo pants pocket contained a handheld flashlight and a small silver folding knife was affixed to his left front pants pocket.

Investigators inventoried Deputy Corrigan's department issued duty weapon (JS-5) which is a Smith & Wesson, M&P, 9mm semi-automatic handgun. The weapon had a Surefire X-300 Ultra flashlight mounted underneath the barrel. It bore serial number NEE[redacted]

One unfired 9 mm cartridge was ejected from the chamber and eleven unfired 9 mm cartridges were contained in the magazine seated in the magazine well. Investigators concluded Deputy Corrigan fired a total of six times during this incident.

The interview was concluded.

WITNESS DEPUTY MANUEL IBARRA:

On Sunday, December 20, 2020, at approximately 0315 hours, Investigators conducted an interview with Deputy Manuel Ibarra. This interview took place at South Los Angeles Sheriff's Station's detective bureau's conference room. The interview was memorialized using an audio digital recorder and then transferred to disc media. Also in attendance were Deputy Ibarra's attorneys, Susan R. Jerich and Christopher A. Kucharski. The following is a summary of that interview:

Deputy Ibarra's career started on September 1, 2001 as a [redacted] He became a sworn deputy sheriff in October 2008. [redacted] Upon graduating, his first assignment was at [redacted]. From [redacted] In [redacted]. In [redacted] In February 2016 he transferred to South Los Angeles Sheriff's Station, where [redacted] and is currently assigned.

Deputy Ibarra was scheduled to work a double shift. His first shift began at [redacted] hours on Saturday, December 19, 2020, and his second shift was from [redacted] hours. He was assigned to uniformed patrol as Unit 31B, and responsible for patrolling the Vermont area. His partner for that day was Deputy Blake Corrigan, #[redacted] Deputy Ibarra was the driver.

A call for service was voiced via their portable radio gunshot victims were down at 104th Street and Firmona Avenue. As they responded the call was updated, stating one of the males either had a gun next to him or at the scene. A second update stated the new location was 104th Street and Burin Avenue.

He and Deputy Corrigan proceeded west on 104th Street from Hawthorne Boulevard and stopped their marked black and white patrol vehicle in the intersection.



Deputy Ibarra saw a person (Later identified as [redacted] MH/[redacted] lying in the street on Burin Avenue, just north of 104th Street. [redacted] head was positioned to the north and his feet to south. A black handgun was on the ground near his armpit and left arm.

As he and Deputy Corrigan detained [redacted], he heard on his portable radio deputies were detaining a second armed suspect on 104th Street. He knew this location, stating he and Deputy Corrigan had just driven past the deputies prior to stopping in the intersection. He ran to the detention location while Deputy Corrigan remained with [redacted]

As he arrived at [redacted] West 104th Street, he observed three deputies in front of him. These deputies were south of him, halfway down the driveway. He heard a person (Later identified as Moises Arreola MH/01-03-1988) yell, "I'm ready to go, let's do this!"

Arreola was at the far south end of the driveway behind a parked vehicle. He stated deputies were issuing verbal commands to Arreola, but Arreola refused to listen. He could not recall what exact commands were given to Arreola. He briefly saw Arreola appear, but could not describe him. He added the area was very dark and poorly lit.

Realizing Arreola was armed, coupled with three deputies in front of him, Deputy Ibarra understood he did not have an accurate sight alignment. He backed out of the driveway and took a position to the west side. He stated the three deputies in front of him were Deputies Gonzalez, Honea and Chappell.

As soon as he repositioned himself on the west side of the driveway, he heard numerous gunshots erupt. He estimated the volley to be approximately fifteen to twenty five times and did not see who shot. He told his partners to take cover because from his location, he could not see Arreola.

He saw a deputy had driven and parked a marked black and white patrol vehicle adjacent to the residence's driveway, but did not know who did it. He then heard one more gunshot and asked his fellow deputies who shot. He was not sure if the shot came from Arreola or them. He heard a deputy behind him state, "I did," but he did not look back to see who it was.

Deputy Ibarra ran to his patrol vehicle and grabbed his assigned AR-15 patrol rifle and repositioned himself again in the driveway. He relocated himself behind the parked patrol vehicle next to Deputy Ortiz. He advised the deputies he was covering the east side of the driveway and they needed to cover the west side.



He then asked for a ballistic shield and they collectively formulated a contact team and plan to approach Arreola. As Deputy Ibarra saw Arreola, he walked past him while still holding his patrol rifle in both hands. He stated another deputy was responsible for covering Arreola. He did add Arreola was unresponsive and motionless.

Deputy Ibarra believed residents may be inside the rear house and his primary objective was to check on their welfare. He and other deputies approached the rear residence and contacted the resident. This male was alone in the dwelling and uninjured. They instructed him to shelter in place until a deputy could safely move him. The man complied.

This concluded his involvement in the incident.

The interview was terminated.

This case will remain open with further reports to follow as necessary.

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Re: Fatal Officer Involved Shooting of Moises Arreola
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L.A.S.D. File #020-10888-0381-013

Dear Captain Mendoza:

The Justice System Integrity Division of the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office has completed its review of the December 19, 2020, fatal officer involved shooting of Moises Arreola involving Los Angeles County Sheriff's Deputies Jorge Ortiz, Eric Chappell, Blake Corrigan, Daniel Gonzalez, and Kevin Honea. Our detailed analysis of this incident is contained in the attached memorandum.

Very truly yours,

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Head Deputy District Attorney
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MEMORANDUM

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The Justice System Integrity Division of the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office has completed its review of the December 19, 2020, fatal shooting of Moises Arreola by Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department (LASD) Deputies Jorge Ortiz, Eric Chappell, Blake Corrigan, Daniel Gonzalez, and Kevin Honea. We have concluded that each deputy acted in lawful self-defense and defense of others at the time they fired their weapons.

The District Attorney's Command Center was notified of this shooting on December 19, 2020, at approximately 9:15 p.m. The District Attorney Response Team responded to the location. They were given a briefing and walk-through of the scene by Lieutenant Hugo Reynaga.

The following analysis is based on reports, recorded interviews, surveillance video, and photographs submitted to this office by the LASD Homicide Bureau. No compelled statements were considered in this analysis.

FACTUAL ANALYSIS

On December 19, 2020 at approximately 6:38 p.m., Moises Arreola and [redacted] parked [redacted] white 2015 Chevrolet Equinox SUV in front of a residence near the northeast corner of 104th Street and Burin Avenue. They left the vehicle's emergency lights flashing and walked southbound on Burin Avenue across 104th Street. A silver Audi four-door sedan pulled up in front of the apartment building on the southwest corner of the intersection. The driver of the Audi exited the vehicle and walked to the sidewalk in front of the building when he turned and noticed Arreola and [redacted] crossing 104th Street, approaching him. The driver immediately got back into the Audi and drove southbound down Burin Avenue with Arreola and [redacted] chasing the car on foot. [redacted] ran in the street while Arreola ran on the east sidewalk. As they ran, both Arreola and [redacted] fired handguns at the fleeing Audi.

Arreola and [redacted] ran a short distance down Burin Avenue before ending their pursuit. The two men turned around and walked northbound. As they walked northbound in the direction of their parked vehicle, both men turned and fired multiple gunshots at the apartment building on the southwest corner of the intersection.



Figure 1. This still photograph from a surveillance video shows Arreola shooting at the apartment building on the southwest corner of Burin Avenue and 104th Street. Note the muzzle flash from Arreola's handgun.

After shooting at the building, [redacted] ran north across 104th Street while Arreola was still on the south side. As Arreola attempted to cross the intersection, a white SUV drove eastbound on 104th Street into the intersection. As the SUV approached Arreola, Arreola pointed his gun at the vehicle and fired multiple shots at it. At the time Arreola fired at the SUV, [redacted] was north of the SUV and in line with Arreola's line of fire. A bullet struck [redacted] in the ribs and killed him.

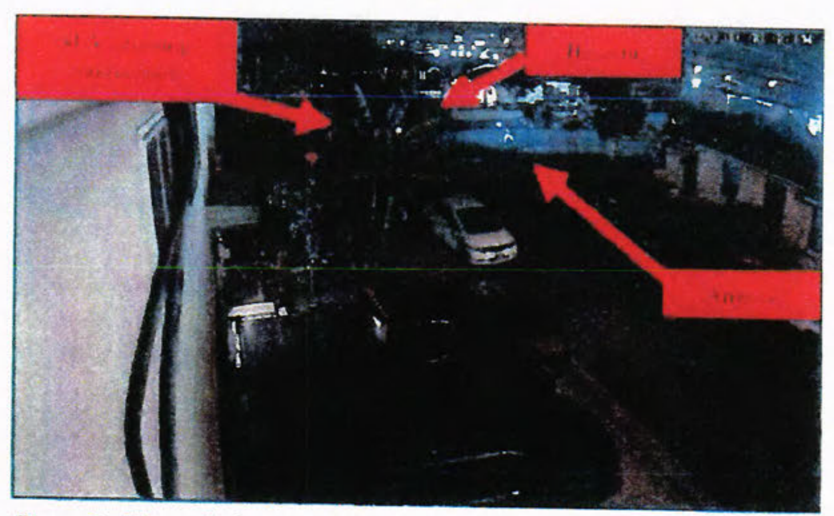


Figure 2. This still photograph from a surveillance video shows Arreola standing in the intersection of 104th Street and Burin Avenue firing a handgun at an SUV that is crossing Burin Avenue. Note the muzzle flash.

When Arreola fired at the SUV, the SUV stopped in the intersection and Arreola retreated to the southeast corner of the sidewalk. Arreola immediately turned northbound and began crossing the intersection once again. When Arreola was halfway across the intersection, the SUV accelerated and struck Arreola, throwing him into the air. Arreola landed on the hood of the vehicle, then slid off as the SUV continued eastbound. The SUV drove away, and Arreola limped towards the southeast corner of the intersection. Arreola sat down on the sidewalk for a few minutes. Later, as LASD vehicles approached the intersection, Arreola went east down the sidewalk and turned into the driveway of a residence east of the southeast corner of 104th Street and Burin Avenue.

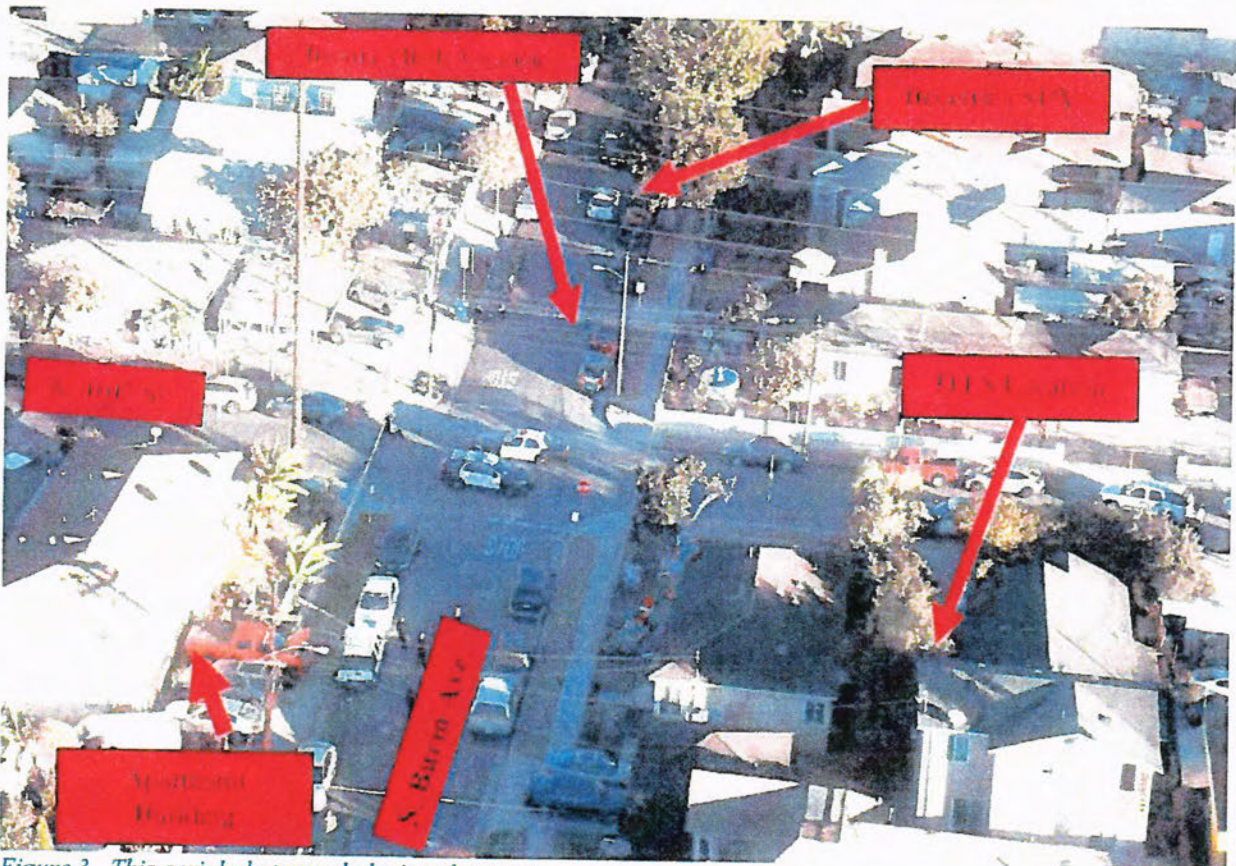


Figure 3. This aerial photograph depicts the scene.

At approximately 6:43 p.m., Deputy Ortiz and his partner, Deputy Eric Chappell, received a service call of a gunshot victim at 104th Street and Firmona Avenue, which is three blocks west of where the shooting occurred. While responding, they were given an updated location of 104th Street and Burin Avenue. The radio dispatcher advised the deputies that the victim possessed a firearm. Ortiz coordinated with two assisting units, Deputies Daniel Gonzalez and Kevin Honea, and Deputies Blake Corrigan and Manuel Ibarra. Chappell and Ortiz checked 104th Street and Firmona Avenue, while Gonzalez and Honea went to 104th Street and Burin Avenue.

Honea and Gonzalez arrived at the intersection of 104th Street and Burin Avenue and were directed by bystanders to a residence east of the intersection. The property consisted of a duplex with a driveway running along the west side of the property and ended adjacent to the rear house. Honea arrived at the duplex first. He walked halfway down the driveway when he saw movement in front of the driver's side of a car parked in the driveway. Honea illuminated the

area with his flashlight and saw Arreola crawling in front of the car. Honea yelled, "Drop the gun! Let me see your hands!" several times. Arreola responded, "Fuck you! I don't give a fuck! Let's do this right now! I'm ready to die! I don't give a fuck! Let's do this!" Arreola repeated himself several times.

Honea again ordered Arreola to drop the gun and surrender, but Arreola yelled, "Just fucking kill me! Let's do this! Let's do this right now!" Arreola stood up and pointed a pistol at Honea. Honea ducked out of Arreola's line of fire by stepping behind the back of the same car Arreola was in front of. Honea yelled to Gonzalez that Arreola had a gun.



Figure 4. When deputies arrived at the scene, Arreola was hiding in front of this car, which was parked at the south end of the driveway.

Gonzalez heard Honea say that Arreola had a gun. Gonzalez ran to the duplex and as he did so, he saw Arreola crouched next to the driver's side of the car in the driveway holding a gun. Gonzalez took cover behind a ceramic pot in the northwest corner of the duplex.

Honea broadcast that he and Gonzalez were detaining an armed suspect at gunpoint while Gonzalez continued to tell Arreola to drop the gun and said, "We want to help you." Arreola responded to Gonzalez by repeating, "Let's go! Let's fucking go! Let's do this! Shoot me! I'm ready!"

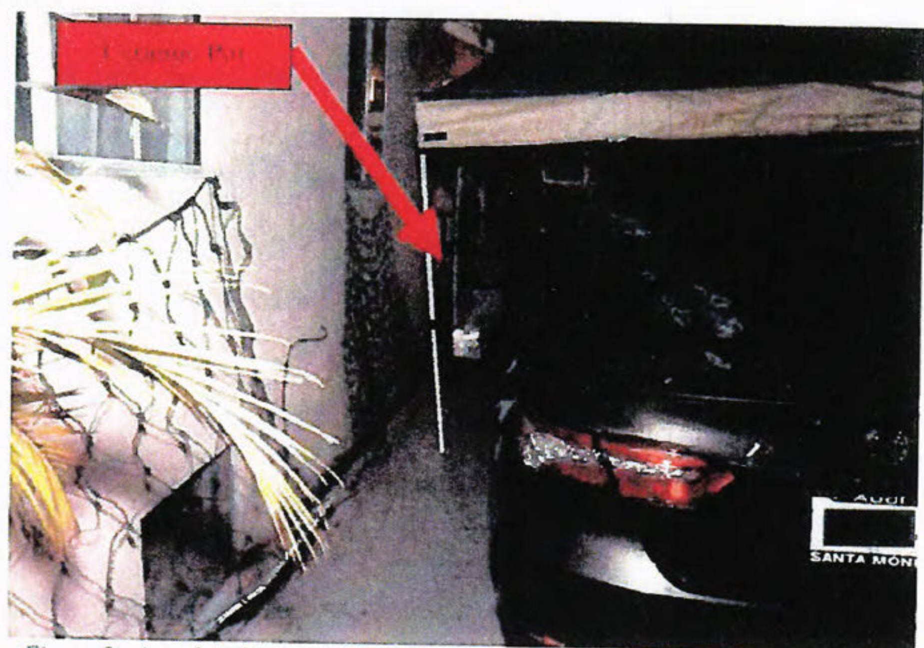


Figure 5. Arreola's location behind a ceramic pot at the south end of the driveway.

While Honea and Gonzalez attempted to detain Arreola, the other deputies arrived at the intersection of 104th Street and Burin Avenue. Corrigan and Ibarra found [redacted] lying face up in front of the residence at the northeast corner of 104th Street and Burin Avenue. He held a firearm in his left hand and had a single gunshot entry wound to his left ribcage. [redacted] was unresponsive and not breathing.[1] A Los Angeles County Fire Department (LACFD) ambulance arrived and LACFD personnel began treating [redacted]. Ibarra and Corrigan remained with [redacted]

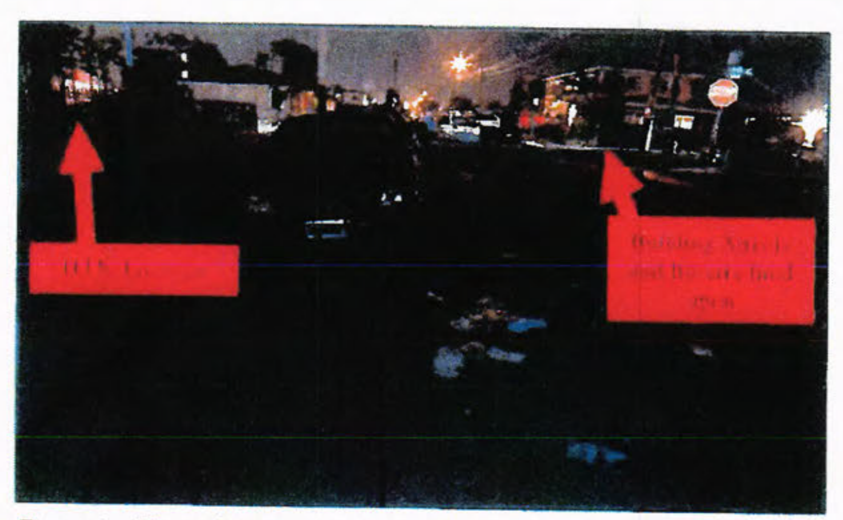


Figure 6. The medical detritus in the foreground of this photograph marks the location on Burin Avenue where deputies found [redacted] when they arrived at the scene. 104th Street is the cross street in the background.

[1] After being transported to Harbor General Hospital, [redacted] was pronounced dead due to the gunshot wound to his left chest.

Meanwhile, Honea and Gonzalez continually commanded Arreola to drop the gun and to show his hands. Arreola did not comply with the deputies' commands. Gonzalez heard Arreola stating, "Let's go! Let's fucking go! Let's do this! Shoot me! I'm ready! Come on mother fuckers, I'm ready! Let's do this!"

Honea and Gonzalez relayed via radio that they had a suspect with a deadly weapon detained at gunpoint at the location. Ortiz and Chappell heard over the radio that deputies were detaining a suspect at the duplex, so they ran to the residence. When they arrived, they saw Honea and Gonzalez in the driveway. Honea instructed Arreola to drop the gun and surrender, but Arreola did not comply.

Ibarra and Corrigan heard Honea broadcast that deputies were detaining Arreola at the nearby duplex. In response, Ibarra left [redacted] and the LACFD personnel to assist the deputies while Corrigan remained.

Chappell joined Gonzalez on the west side of the driveway. Ortiz saw Arreola behind the parked vehicle at the south end of the driveway, but he was only able to see Arreola's silhouette due to the dark and poorly lit surroundings.

The deputies continually ordered Arreola to surrender when the sound of a single gunshot came from Arreola's direction. Both Gonzalez and Chappell stated Arreola's firearm was pointed in the deputies' direction and that it emitted a puff of smoke although neither deputy saw a muzzle flash.[2] Fearing for their lives and the lives of their fellow deputies, Gonzales, Honea, and Chappell returned fire.

Corrigan heard a gunshot followed by a volley of gunshots, so he ran to the duplex to assist the detaining deputies.

There was a lull after the initial volley of gunshots and Honea began to retreat from behind the car to a safer location behind the wall of the residence. As Honea stepped from behind the car, he briefly exposed himself without cover or protection. Arreola rose from behind the ceramic pot and pointed a firearm at Honea. In response, Chappell, Corrigan, Gonzalez, and Honea fired their duty weapons at Arreola. Gonzalez fired approximately five to seven times. Honea fired approximately five to six rounds. Corrigan fired approximately five times. There was another pause in the gunfire.

The deputies took more tactically favorable positions on the sidewalk and behind the walls of the residence while Honea retrieved an AR-15 rifle from his patrol vehicle. Chappell moved his patrol vehicle from the east side of the driveway to directly in front of the driveway. The patrol vehicle provided cover from gunfire and Chappell directed the patrol vehicle's spotlights towards the driveway to illuminate Arreola's position. Ortiz positioned himself behind the patrol vehicle's engine on the passenger side and pointed his duty weapon in Arreola's direction in an effort to provide cover for the other deputies as they repositioned. Arreola remained hiding at the end of the driveway on the east side behind a parked vehicle.

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[2] Following the shooting, two semiautomatic handguns were found near Arreola's body.



Figure 7. Chappell positioned this patrol vehicle at the end of the driveway to provide cover for his fellow deputies and to illuminate Arreola.



Figure 8. This aerial photograph shows where Chappell parked his patrol vehicle at the end of the driveway.

While the deputies were repositioning and formulating a plan, Arreola rose to his knees and lifted his left hand, which was empty. Ortiz yelled at Arreola to lay on the ground. Arreola reached to his right, grabbed a firearm with his right hand, and pointed the gun towards the deputies. Ortiz feared for his life and that of his fellow deputies. He fired a single shot at Arreola. Arreola collapsed.

The deputies approached Arreola who was lying on his left side. There were multiple gunshot wounds to his body and he appeared deceased.

Two firearms were located in the ceramic pot adjacent to Arreola and a spring to a handgun magazine was within arm's reach of Arreola. Deputies contacted both the front and rear residences. Everyone inside was unharmed and moved to the front of the residences. The residents stated they heard the gunshots but did not witness the shooting.

Deputies provided medical aid to Arreola until a Los Angeles County Fire Department (LAFD) ambulance arrived. LAFD personnel approached once it was safe to do so. After a brief examination, Arreola was pronounced dead.

Crime Scene Investigation

Following the incident, investigators located expended cartridge cases, bullet fragments, and other evidence on Burin Avenue south of 104th Street. In the middle of the street, two expended cartridge cases and three fired projectiles were found. The west sidewalk and parkway had four expended cartridge cases and one fired bullet. Ten expended cartridge cases were found on the east sidewalk and parkway.

There were numerous bullet holes and bullets on the truck parked in the driveway and apartment building located at the southwest corner of Burin Street and 104th Street. The apartment building sustained a bullet hole in the wall of the second floor. Another bullet hole was found on the first floor living room window. The bullet that caused this hole went through a makeshift wall in the residence and landed in a Stella Rosa container. A fourth bullet hole was on the wall above the garage and a fifth bullet hold was above the garage frame. A final bullet hole was on the east-facing wall of the second floor.

The truck parked in the driveway had a bullet hole on the driver side door panel. The bullet had penetrated the door and landed on the driver side floorboard. An expended cartridge case was found in the pocket panel of the same driver's side door. A second bullet hole was found on the driver side fog lamp. The bullet landed inside the driver's side engine compartment. A third round entered the front, driver side bumper and penetrated the truck and struck the front inner passenger side rim. A fourth bullet hole broke the passenger side front trim and struck the inner passenger side front panel.

These findings were consistent with Arreola and [redacted] shooting at a car driving southbound on Burin Avenue and at the apartment building when they ran back north on Burin Avenue. The occupant or occupants of the car were not located or identified.

Arreola was found lying in front of the Toyota Camry parked in the driveway. A beige, two-foot, ceramic pot with a plant was found near Arreola's feet. A disposable cloth mask with a bullet hole, cracked T-Mobile cellphone, unloaded Taurus G2C 9mm handgun, and an unloaded Stoeger Cougar 8040 handgun were found in the pot. The Stoeger Cougar also contained an empty magazine. The Camry had bullet holes in the left-rear trunk area and rear window. A

canvas canopy providing shade for the Camry also had several bullet holes. No spent cartridge cases were found in the area of the body.

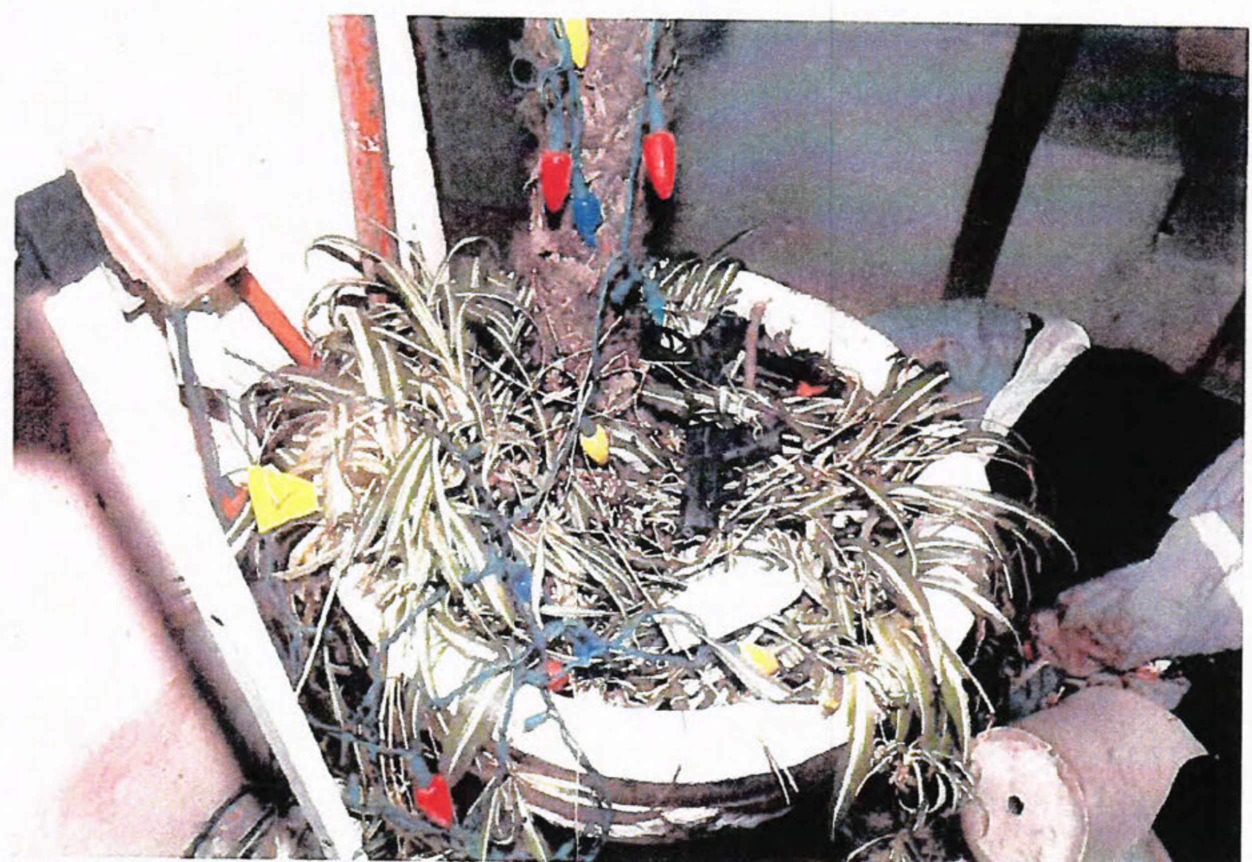


Figure 9. Arreola hid behind this ceramic pot during the shooting. Investigators recovered the two firearms pictured above.

Six expended cartridge cases, one bullet, and one magazine were found east of Burin Avenue on 104th Street. These findings were consistent with Arreola shooting at an SUV that struck and ran him over before the deputies' arrival.

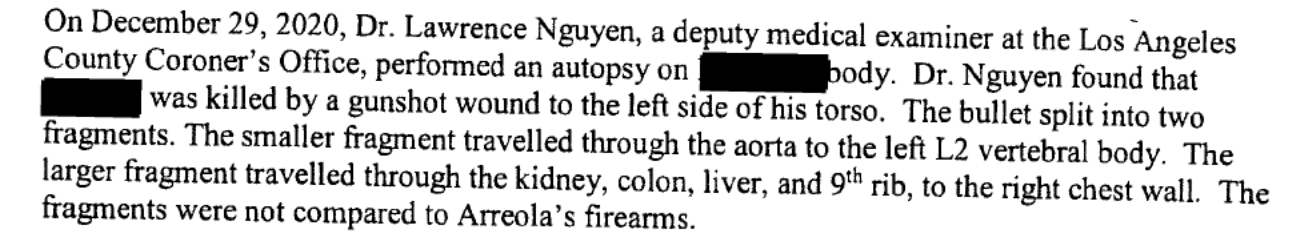
It does not appear that Arreola intended to kill [redacted] The available evidence is consistent with Arreola accidentally shooting [redacted] as he was firing at the white SUV that crossed through the intersection of 104th Street and Burin Avenue. [redacted] was in the background as Arreola fired at the SUV.

Autopsy

On December 22, 2020, Dr. Abubakr Marzouk, deputy medical examiner at the Los Angeles County Coroner's Office, performed an autopsy on Arreola's body. Dr. Marzouk found the following a total of six gunshot wounds: a gunshot wound to Arreola's left forehead, travelling front to back; a gunshot wound to Arreola's right shoulder; three gunshots wound to Arreola's arms; and a through and through gunshot wound to the right side of Arreola's back. Also, Arreola's left big toenail was separate from his toe. This is probably a result of a gunshot wound.

Forensic analysis revealed Arreola's blood was presumptively positive for alcohol, cocaine, and marijuana.

Dr. Marzouk determined Arreola died of multiple gunshot wounds.


On December 29, 2020, Dr. Lawrence Nguyen, a deputy medical examiner at the Los Angeles County Coroner's Office, performed an autopsy on [redacted] body. Dr. Nguyen found that [redacted] was killed by a gunshot wound to the left side of his torso. The bullet split into two fragments. The smaller fragment travelled through the aorta to the left L2 vertebral body. The larger fragment travelled through the kidney, colon, liver, and 9th rib, to the right chest wall. The fragments were not compared to Arreola's firearms.

Forensic analysis revealed [redacted] blood was presumptively positive for alcohol and marijuana.

THE LAW

California law permits the use of deadly force in self-defense or in the defense of others if the person claiming the right of self-defense or the defense of others actually and reasonably believed that he or others were in imminent danger of great bodily injury or death. Penal Code section 197; *People v. Randle* (2005) 35 Cal.4th 987, 994 (overruled on another ground in *People v. Chun* (2009) 45 Cal.4th 1172, 1201); *People v. Humphrey* (1996) 13 Cal.4th 1073, 1082; *see also,* CALCRIM No. 505.

A peace officer is justified in using deadly force upon another person when the officer reasonably believes, based on the totality of the circumstances, that such force is necessary for either of the following reasons: (1) to defend against an imminent threat of death or serious bodily injury to the officer or to another person; or (2) to apprehend a fleeing person for any felony that threatened or resulted in death or serious bodily injury, if the officer reasonably believes that the person will cause death or serious bodily injury to another unless immediately apprehended. Penal Code section 835a(c)(1)(A) and (B).

A threat of death or serious bodily injury is imminent when, based on the totality of the circumstances, a reasonable officer in the same situation would believe that a person has the present ability, opportunity, and apparent intent to immediately cause death or serious bodily injury to the peace officer or another person. An imminent harm is not merely a fear of future harm, no matter how great the fear and no matter how great the likelihood of the harm, but is on that, from appearances, must be instantly confronted and addressed. Penal Code section 835a(e)(2).

When considering the totality of the circumstances, all facts known to or perceived by the peace officer at the time, including the conduct of the officer and the subject leading up to the use of deadly force is taken into consideration. Penal Code section 835a(a)(4) and (e)(3). The peace officer's decision to use force is not evaluated with the benefit of hindsight and shall account for

occasions when officers may be forced to make quick judgments about using force. Penal Code section 835a(a)(4).

LEGAL ANALYSIS

The evidence examined shows that Deputy Ortiz, Deputy Chappell, Deputy Corrigan, Deputy Gonzalez, and Deputy Honea were informed there was an armed gunshot victim lying in the street. Upon arrival, the deputies found [redacted] dead or dying of a gunshot wound, lying in the street with a firearm in his hand. Next, they saw Arreola hiding behind a car in a long driveway with a gun in his hand. It was reasonable for the deputies to conclude Arreola had murdered [redacted] moments before and intended to use a firearm to avoid capture. The deputies instructed Arreola to put down the weapon and surrender. Arreola refused to surrender and told the deputies he intended to engage them in a gunfight.

Arreola pointed his gun at deputies three times. Under these circumstances, it was reasonable for the deputies to believe he intended to shoot them. The fact that Arreola's firearms were later found to be unloaded does not change the analysis. Arreola's lack of compliance, belligerence, and decision to point a firearm at the deputies prior to each of the three separate times the deputies fired at him, made each deputy reasonably conclude the immediate use of deadly force was necessary to defend himself and his fellow deputies against the threat to their lives. Therefore, Deputy Ortiz, Deputy Chappell, Deputy Corrigan, Deputy Gonzalez, and Deputy Honea acted in lawful self-defense and in defense of another when they fired their duty weapons at Arreola.

CONCLUSION

We find that Deputy Ortiz, Deputy Chappell, Deputy Corrigan, Deputy Gonzalez, and Deputy Honea acted lawfully in self-defense and in defense of others when they used deadly force against Moises Arreola.